

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a plane light source unit, a light pipe including an upper surface, a lower surface, and an incidence side surface, and including a light output means formed in the upper surface  
5 so that light incident on the incidence side surface exits from the lower surface through the light output means while light incident on the lower surface is transmitted through the upper surface; and a linear light source disposed on the incidence side surface of the light pipe, the linear light source having an effective light emission region which is longer than the longitudinal length of the incidence side surface. Information light generated on the lower surface of the light pipe is transmitted and made visible through the upper surface of the light pipe. Further provided is a reflection type  
10 liquid-crystal display device in which a liquid-crystal cell is disposed on a lower surface of the above-mentioned plane light source unit, the liquid-crystal cell including a reflection layer.

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